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EXAMINING GROUP 1648  
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In re Appln of: )  
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Serial No.: 09/670,105 ) Group Art Unit: 1648  
Filed: September 26, 2000 ) Examiner: U. Winkler

For: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES DERIVED FROM THE GENOME OF  
RETROVIRUSES OF THE HIV-1, HIV-2 AND SIV TYPE, AND THEIR USES IN  
PARTICULAR FOR THE AMPLIFICATION OF THE GENOMES OF THESE  
RETROVIRUSES AND FOR THE IN VITRO DIAGNOSIS OF THE DISEASES  
DUE TO THESE VIRUSES

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

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